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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/830,159
Applicants: Shigeru KAWAHARA, et al.
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For: CRYSTALLIZATION PROCESSES FOR THE
FORMATION OF STABLE CRYSTALS OF ASPARTAME
DERIVATIVE
Group Art Unit: 1623
Examiner: Zucker

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**LETTER TO COMMISSIONER,
DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132 (Shigeru KAWAHARA, executed)**

Our check in the amount of **-0-** is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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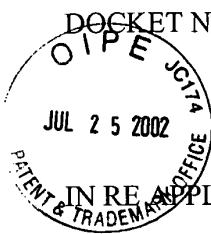
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On June 28, 2002, Applicants timely filed a response to the Official Action dated December 28, 2001. In that response, Applicants cited the results of certain experiments carried out by one of the present inventors, Shigeru Kawahara. Applicants are filing herewith the duly executed Declaration of Mr. Kawahara, to present these experiments and results in declaratory form.

Applicants again submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

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